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**Minutes of the**  
**Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**May 8, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

**Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room**

**Commission Members Present**

<b>Beverly Steele</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Patt Wagner</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>George Staats</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Stephanie Liguori</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Jack Berberian</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>

**Others Present**

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Secretary Michael Scuse, Dover Downs Vice President of Racing Charles Lockhart, Sr., Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Harrington Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario.

Staff member: Dan Kazmaier and Lauren Torres

*Minutes: Donna Krol*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 10:03 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Immediately following the "Call to Order," the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission returned to Public Session after the Executive Session was complete.

**Executive Session:**

*See Executive Session minutes.*

**Return to Public Session:**

At 10:43 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Public minutes from the April 10, 2018 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FINAL APPROVAL OF DHRC RULE 8.3 PROPOSED CHANGES:**

8.3.5.9.4 A horse which bleeds (EPIH) based on the criteria set forth in 8.3.5.9.1 above shall be restricted from racing at any facility under the jurisdiction of the Commission, as follows:

8.3.5.9.4.1 1st time - ~~40~~ 6 days suspension from racing;

8.3.5.9.4.2 2nd time within 365 day period - the horse must serve a 30 day(s) suspension from racing, provided that the horse must be added to or remain on the Bleeder List, and must complete a satisfactory qualifying race before resuming racing, after the mandatory 30-day rest period; after 365 days without another incident of EPIH all horses revert back to a first time bleeder status;

8.3.5.9.4.3 3rd time within 365 day period - the horse must serve a 30 day(s) suspension from racing, and the horse shall be added to the Steward's List, to be removed at the discretion of the Commission Veterinarian following a satisfactory qualifying race after the mandatory 30-day rest period; after 365 days without another incident of EPIH all horses revert back to a first time bleeder status and

8.3.5.9.4.4 4th time within 365 day period - barred for life.

8.3.5.9.6 A horse may be removed from the Bleeder List at the request of the owner or trainer, if the horse completes a ~~40~~ 5-day rest period following such request, and then re-qualifies. A horse may discontinue the use of Aminocaproic Acid without a ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) day rest period or having to ~~re-qualify~~ re-qualify provided the horse was on Aminocaproic Acid for thirty (30) days or more. In addition, once a horse discontinues the use of Aminocaproic Acid, it is prohibited from using said medication for ninety (90) days from the date of its last administration for Aminocaproic Acid.

These proposed changes were published in the April Registrar of Regulations. No comments were received. Proposed changes will be finalized at the May DHRC Commission Meeting and be published in the June Registrar of Regulations going final on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Commission members signed the Final Order. Mark Davis will send to the Registrar of Regulations for the June publication.

**Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:**

**Executive Director: Activity Summary Report**

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of April 1 through April 30, 2018.

**Racing statistics: June**

Total # of Live Racing Days = 10

Total # Live Races = 130

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,023

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 91.4%

\*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

**License statistics:**

Total # licenses issued = 124

Total Monthly = \$9,780.00/YTD Total = \$42,360.00.

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines)

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**Personnel Activities:**

N/A

**Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:**

Harrington 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifiers on 4-4-18

Harrington Opening Day on 4-9-18

Commission Meeting on 4-10-18

**Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:**

Reported by: Dan Kazmaier

Total # of Rulings: 7

Total fine amount: \$3,990.00

**Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:**

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # Human Drug Tests = 10

Positive result: 1, Groom, R. Mundell Jr.

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 463 average 46/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 30 no violations/seizures

Fingerprints & Background checks completed = 33

**Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:**

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of starters = 1,023

Post- Race Testing:

121 Blood samples were collected.

91 Urine samples

30 incomplete collections (no urine)

Catch Rate = 77.2%, average time per catch was 35.3 minutes

Judge's Special Tests: 1

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None

Accident On/Off Track: None

2 A-Fib, 0 Breakdown, 20 scratches (Sick & Vet)

**USTA 2018 Rule Amendments:**

Copy of the Rule changes adopted by the USTA Board of Directors – Effective May 1, 2018 was reviewed.  
This will be discussed in depth at the upcoming Rules Committee Meeting on 6-5-18.

**OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:**

NONE

**FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT Requests:**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

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**CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:**

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session. Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Liguori.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

**Next Rules Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

**Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018.**